

United States Embassy Skopje
Security Message for U.S. citizens: Demonstration and Counter-
Demonstration March 15
March 15, 2016

The U.S. Embassy in Skopje informs U.S. citizens that civil associations and opposition parties will stage a demonstration march tonight at 18:00. Demonstrators will gather in front of the Government building, walk past the Peoples Office of the President, continue to the Parliament and finish in front of the Constitutional Court on the river next to the Stone Bridge. 5000 participants are expected.

The “GROM” political party will organize a simultaneous counter-demonstration tonight as well at 18:00. It will take place in front of the Public Prosecutor’s Office next to the court building. Between 3500 and 4000 participants are expected.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

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